

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's continued thorough search and examination for the present patent application.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi et al. ("Kobayashi," U.S. Patent No. 5,998,863), in view of Schaer et al. ("Schaer," U.S. Patent No. 6,522,930), and further in view of Lavochkin et al. ("Lavochkin," U.S. Patent No. 5,829,516). Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected based on the combination of Kobayashi, Schaer Lavochkin, and further in view of Tajima (U.S. Patent No. 5,647,430). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant's claim 1, as amended, includes an externally mounted cooling fan aimed at least one copper tube for blowing over the copper tube, and a supporting frame for attachment to the at least one copper tube that includes self-locking U-clips that clamp to the at least one copper tube to fix the frame in position, and the fan being supported on the frame. Applicant respectfully submits that this combination of features is not taught or suggested by the combination of Kobayashi, Schaer and Lavochkin. Applicant further submits that combining Tajima with Kobayashi, Schaer and Lavochkin, as the Examiner has done in rejecting claims 3 and 4, does not teach or suggest a supporting frame for attachment to the at least one copper tube that includes self-locking U-clips that clamp to the copper tube to fix the frame in position. Applicant respectfully submits, therefore, that amended claim 1 is patentable.

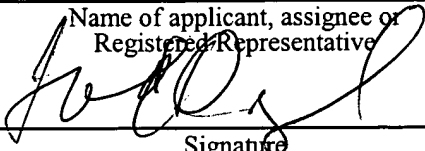
Claims 2, and 5-10 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and, therefore, are patentable for the same reasons, as well as because of the features set forth in those claims with the features in the claim(s) from which they depend.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2 and 5-10 are in condition for allowance.

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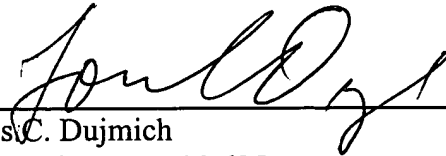


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